

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
August 8th, 2021
11th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



Order of Online Worship for August 8. We will meet online for as long as people want to stay at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. Services are primarily focused on the online presence for the moment, but people may also attend in the sanctuary if they wish, with masking and social distancing still required.

Call to Worship

L: Let us bless the Lord at all times;

P: We will praise God's holy name continually.

L: Look to God, and be radiant;

P: We will never be ashamed for God has delivered us from all our fears.

L: Jesus has promised whoever comes to him will never be hungry;

those who believe in him will never thirst.

P: Let us taste the Bread of Life in scripture and song. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Living, giving God,

you are the source of all good things.

In Christ you give us the Bread of Life.

and we know your care for us is beyond measure.

Through the Holy Spirit, you are present in all situations, both large and small,

yet your majesty is infinite.

Your love reaches wider than the expanding universe,

and your kindness embraces even the tiny sparrow.

And so we gather in worship to offer you our praise,

our love and loyalty,

the best of ourselves,

for surely you deserve all we can offer, our living, giving God.

P: Living, forgiving God,

in Christ you promise us new life,

but we confess that we are in love with our old ways.

We nourish bitterness over disappointments; anger can hold us hostage for years.

We find it easy to say one thing to someone's face

and something else behind their back.

Forgive us for falling short of your hopes for us.

Free us from the captivity of old habits and resentments,

and by your grace, renew us to live for love's sake. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 34:1-8

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

**P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

L: Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**P: This poor soul cried, and was heard by
the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.**

L: The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**P: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (lectionary readings below)

Matthew 14: 22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[d] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of

the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[e] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: PETER Part I



Musical Response: Thank You by Jesus Army

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Diversity & Kindness in Our Community Day Camp, for August, is currently posted on our website. There are 5 different days to this camp. Each day is self-led and includes: a bible reading, a video to watch for the bible story, a craft, an activity and some music. These Google Classrooms will remain posted to the website (www.standrewshespeler.ca) for the month.

Summer Services

Throughout the summer, we will maintain our primary focus on online services. Thanks to changes in government restrictions, we can allow people back into the sanctuary for worship so you may come, if you choose, and be in the sanctuary while the online service is being broadcast. Social distancing and masks are still required, of course.

Rev. Scott will take some vacation time for the last four weeks of August. We've been very fortunate to find two great preachers for those Sundays: recent seminary grad, **Paula Rumbolt** and Clerk of Session, **Steve Marsh**.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Scott will be on vacation for four weeks starting this **Wednesday, August 4**. If you are in urgent need of pastoral assistance later this week, you may contact the **Rev. Bill Bynum of Knox Preston Presbyterian Church**. Phone: 519-616-9252. Email: knoxpreston@rogers.com. Church phone: 519-653-6691. Many thanks to Rev. Bill for his help this week.

There is some **good news** about pastoral care. The Cambridge Hospital is now allowing clergy visits for patients! Unfortunately, there is not yet a way for visiting clergy to look up on the list to see who might be in the hospital so, if you would like to request a hospital visit for a loved one, please do call the church to let us know that they are in the hospital.

Upcoming Events:

- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12 (not the 5th)
- St. Andrew's annual Dream Auction will be held online again this year, from September 27 – October 2. Please think about how you might be able to contribute to the items to be auctioned off AND mark October 2 on your calendar because you won't want to miss out on the final bidding fun!

There are some **goodies** in the mailbox at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that is free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The Summer 2021 Newsletter
- The July/August edition of Today
- The June/July/August edition of Our Daily Bread
- The summer edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.



Lectionary Readings

1 Kings 19:4-8 ⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Ephesians 4:25-5:22 ⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, ^[b] as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Mission Moment – August 8, 2021

Defying the Norm: Lydia Returns to School

Sexual assault, gender-based violence, and teenage pregnancy are significant issues in Malawi. Lydia was only 15 years old when she became pregnant, and the stigma of being an unmarried, pregnant teenager led her to leave school. Left with few options, Lydia's circumstances were reported to the community victim support unit and, with their help and guidance, Lydia was empowered to return to school where she can continue to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. This project to strengthen community structures that respond to those experiencing sexual- or gender-based violence is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, August 8 We give thanks and pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development program in Malawi that is helping pregnant mothers and their newborns access medicine.

Monday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples) We give thanks for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a guiding light on the path to justice and reconciliation.

Tuesday, August 10 We pray for the Rev. Jonathan Baird and Rani Ibrahim, and for the new worshipping communities they are leading in the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario.

Wednesday, August 11 We pray for Cindy Stephenson, Convener of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, August 12 We pray that the members of the Presbytery of East Toronto's Student and Education Committee will feel a strong sense of God's presence in their discernment.

Friday, August 13 We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives on themselves and their ministries.

Saturday, August 14 We pray for ministers and elders who feel discouraged and alone in their ministry.